

REMARKS

1. Examiner rejected claim 1-4, 13-16, 21, and 28-33 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Snyder (US 5,378,951). In the detailed paragraphs that follow the rejection paragraph, Examiner seemed to indicate that this rejection was intended to also include claims 12, 22, and 27. For the purposes of this action, Applicant has assumed that Examiner intended to reject these claims under the same grounds, and that the omission in the rejection paragraph was a typographical error.
2. Examiner rejected claim 5-11 and 17-20 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder (US 5,378,951).
3. Claims 1-22 and 28-33 are canceled herein without prejudice.
4. Although included in the Office Action Summary as rejected, claims 23-26 have not been otherwise mentioned in the Office Action. Since in the first Office Action these claims were allowable and throughout the remaining prosecution history, Examiner has never provided any grounds of rejection for these claims, Applicant assumes that their inclusion as rejected in the Office Action Summary is a typographical error. Claims 23-26 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that these claims are now in allowable form.

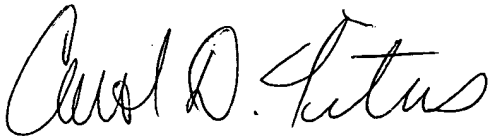
Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

5. Claim 27, being dependent on claim 23, should also be in allowable form. Allowance of this claim is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons above, Applicant submits that the claims all define novel subject matter that is nonobvious. Therefore, allowance of these claims is submitted to be proper and is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully submitted,



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